



ARAB-AMERICAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Third U.S. Embassy Teacher Academy

in co-operation with the Atlantische Akademie Rheinland-Pfalz and the American Studies Program of Mainz University

Saturday, October 29

13:00: Registration/Welcome Coffee

14:00: Welcome remarks:

Scott M. Rauland, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General

Alfred Hornung, Mainz University

Werner Kremp, Atlantische Akademie Rheinland-Pfalz

Martina Kohl, U.S. Embassy

14:30: Alfred Hornung, Mainz University, "The Contribution of Arab-Americans to the Evolution of American Culture"

Coffee Break

16:30: Anton Escher, Mainz University, "Diaspora - The Arab-American Way"

18:30: Dinner

20:00: reading by Lisa Suhair Majaj, Cyprus

Sunday, October 30

9:00-10:30: Mita Banerjee, Siegen University, "Arab-Americans in Literature and the Media"

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30: Mark Tessler, University of Michigan, "The Attitudes toward Politics and International Affairs of Ordinary Citizens in the Arab World."

Lunch

Sunday, October 30 (continued)

14:00-15:30: Ghada Qaisi Audi, Bonn, “Between Tradition and Modernity : Arab Americans and the U.S. Legal System”

Coffee Break

16:00-17:30: Lisa Suhair Majaj, Cyprus, “Arab-American Literature: A Survey”

18:30: Dinner

20:00: Film showing “Forget Baghdad”

Monday, October 31

9:00-10:30: Parallel Workshops:

WS 1: Mita Banerjee, “From Sheikh to Terrorist? Arab Characters in American Film”

WS 2: Anton Escher, “Is there a ‘Rick’s Café’ in Casablanca?”

WS 3: Alfred Hornung, “Islam and its Influence on American Culture”

WS 4: Nicole Waller, “American and Arab-American Depictions of the Muslim Slave Trade”

Coffee Break

11:00-12 :30 : Continuation of workshops:

Lunch

Presentation of Results

14:00-14:30: WS 1

14:30-15:00: WS 2

15:30-16:00: WS 3

16:00: Coffee Break

Presentation of Results

16:30-17:00: WS 4

Wrap-up

18:30: Farewell Dinner

Tuesday, November 1

Conference ends after breakfast